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Applicant: Marc Richelsoph et al.
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Title: SCREW AND ROD FIXATION ASSEMBLY AND DEVICE
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Examiner: David C. Comstock
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

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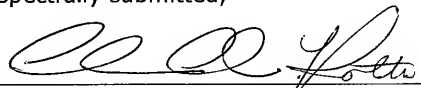
Dear Sir,

The Office Communication dated December 9, 2008 requires the Applicant to clarify the status of the elected claims.

In response to a Restriction/Election requirement, Applicant elected Species A, FIGS. 3-8 without traverse, and listed claims that were believed to correspond with Species A. The Examiner determined that a different set of claims, namely claims 1-5, 7, 11, 15-19, 21, 25, 27, 29, 30, 32-36, 38, 41, 42, 44-50, 52, 53, 56-61, and 63-66, correspond to Species A. (May 14, 2007 Office Action). The examiner withdrew the remaining claims from consideration.

Applicant defers to and relies upon the Examiner's determination of which claims correspond to elected Species A. Therefore, the Examiner's list, i.e. claims 1-5, 7, 11, 15-19, 21, 25, 27, 29, 30, 32-36, 38, 41, 42, 44-50, 52, 53, 56-61, and 63-66, reflect the elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,


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